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Sir:

Applicants submit this Second Information Disclosure Statement to supplement their Information Disclosure Statement filed initially with this application on May 5, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- () Copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form SB/08 are enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent documents are listed and copies are not required herewith to discharge duty of candor requirements in view of the PTO rules pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements.

Comments for the Examiner's Independent Review and Consideration:

To assist the Examiner, the cited RE 37,711 is listed as a counterpart to Japanese patent publication JP-11-501977A; and USP 5,104,905 is, on present information and belief, a counterpart to JP-02-202948A.

The JP patent documents have already been disclosed together with the International Search Report. To the extent available, English Abstracts of all but two of the JP patent documents accompanied the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement. For instance, an English language counterpart to JP-11-501977A (U.S. Patent No. 5,773,484 and an English language counterpart to JP-51-122193A (U.S. Patent No. 4,122,049) were

cited in accordance with PTO disclosure rules. The Examiner will see the English language counterparts listed as 'family' members to their respective corresponding JP patent publications.

The Examiner is invited to consider the present specification at, for instance, page 2, line 13 to page 3, line 3 and also page 3, lines 4-10, where two of the JP patent documents are discussed.

A copy of the International Search Report has **previously** been provided along with the Information Disclosure Statement filed herein on May 5, 2005.

- () A copy of the Supplementary Partial European Search Report is enclosed herewith.
- () The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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